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**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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August 21, 2012

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

28 August 21, 2012

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
SACHI A. HAMAI  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT THREE GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE LOS ANGELES  
COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT TO REPLACE MISSING PARKWAY  
TREES AND ENHANCE THE URBAN FOREST IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF  
AZUSA, EAST LOS ANGELES, LA PUENTE, VALINDA, AND WALNUT PARK  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action is to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to submit three grant applications for an amount up to \$100,000 each to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District. The grants will be used to fund the replacement of fallen and missing parkway trees in the unincorporated communities of Azusa, La Puente, and Valinda and for planting parkway trees in the unincorporated communities of East Los Angeles and Walnut Park to further green the landscape and enhance the urban forest.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Adopt the resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works or her designee to submit three grant applications for an amount up to \$100,000 each to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for tree planting services in the unincorporated communities of Azusa, East Los Angeles, La Puente, Valinda, and Walnut Park.
2. Approve and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to conduct business with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, including all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the

aforementioned projects. Amendments may include extensions of time, minor changes in project scope, and alterations in the project budget or grant amount of up to 10 percent, subject to approval of such documents by County Counsel, and requests for reimbursement.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is to authorize the Department of Public Works to apply for grant funding from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to replace missing trees in the unincorporated communities of Azusa, La Puente, and Valinda and to beautify and renew the urban forest in the unincorporated communities of East Los Angeles and Walnut Park.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). The grants will provide external funding sources and improved infrastructure, enhancing the quality of life in these five unincorporated communities.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated cost for tree replacements in the unincorporated communities of Azusa, La Puente, and Valinda is \$100,000 and the estimated cost of the tree planting in East Los Angeles and Walnut Park are \$100,000 each. The \$300,000 required to fund these projects is included in the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Road Fund Budget. The grant funds will reimburse \$100,000 to each project location.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

On November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996, the people of the County of Los Angeles enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection, which among other uses provide funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or development facilities and open space for public recreation. The Propositions also created the District to administer said funds and set forth the necessary procedures governing application for grant funds under the Propositions.

In order to replace missing parkway trees and to enhance the urban forest, Supervisor Gloria Molina has offered a total of \$1,800,000 from the First Supervisorial District Excess Funds made available by the Propositions for a competitive Tree Planting Grant Program in the First Supervisorial District. The Program requires a resolution from the governing body of the applicant agency or nonprofit organization authorizing the application for funds. Enclosed is the resolution authorizing Public Works to submit three grant applications.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines pursuant to Section 15304(b) of CEQA guidelines and Class 4(c) of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987. These exemptions provide for new landscaping.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The grants will supplement the County's Parkway Tree Program with additional funding to plant parkway trees in the unincorporated communities of Azusa, East Los Angeles, La Puente, Valinda, and Walnut Park.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return three adopted copies of this letter and the signed resolution to the Department of Public Works, Road Maintenance Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER  
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA,  
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR TREE PLANTING GRANT FUNDS FROM  
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT  
FOR THE FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT EXCESS FUNDING

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996, enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection (hereinafter referred to as "PROPOSITIONS"), which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County of Los Angeles (hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY") for the purpose of acquiring and/or development facilities and open space for public recreation; and

WHEREAS, the PROPOSITIONS also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (hereinafter referred to as "DISTRICT") to administer said funds; and

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT has set forth the necessary procedures governing application for grant funds under the Propositions, and

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT'S procedures require the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works (hereinafter referred to as "PUBLIC WORKS") to certify, by resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said application(s) to the DISTRICT; and

WHEREAS, said application contains assurances that PUBLIC WORKS must comply with; and

WHEREAS, PUBLIC WORKS will enter into an Agreement with the DISTRICT to provide funds for acquisition and development projects.

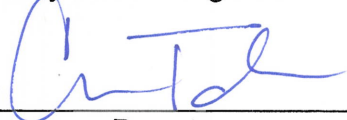
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles:

1. Approves the filing of three applications with the DISTRICT for the First Supervisorial District Excess Funds for the Tree Planting projects for the Azusa, East Los Angeles, La Puente, Valinda, and Walnut Park areas; and
2. Certifies that PUBLIC WORKS understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and
3. Certifies that PUBLIC WORKS has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the projects in perpetuity; and
4. Appoints the Director of Public Works or designee, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned projects.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 2012, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessments and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities, for which said Board so acts.

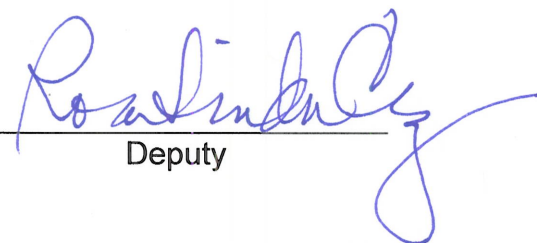


SACHI A. HAMAI  
Executive Officer of the  
Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Los Angeles

By   
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHN F. KRATTLI  
County Counsel

By   
Deputy

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